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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

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FOR: EVAPORATOR AND REFRIGERATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 7 as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

7. (Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

an evaporator according to claim 1;

a compressor which compresses a vaporized cooling medium;

a condenser which condenses and liquefies a compressed cooling medium in a vaporized state; and

an expansion valve which reduces a pressure of the cooling medium during a process of flowing a liquefied cooling medium to the evaporator.

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Please add new Claim 8 as follows:

8. (New) A refrigerator comprising:

an evaporator according to claim 4;

a compressor which compresses a vaporized cooling medium;

a condenser which condenses and liquefies a compressed cooling medium in a vaporized state; and

an expansion valve which reduces a pressure of the cooling medium during a process of flowing a liquefied cooling medium to the evaporator.

REMARKS

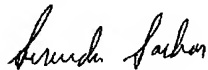
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment cancels a multiple dependency in Claim 7 and submits the subject matter of the cancelled multiple dependency in new dependent Claim 8.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

--7. (Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

an evaporator according to claim 1 [or 4];

a compressor which compresses a vaporized cooling medium;

a condenser which condenses and liquefies a compressed cooling medium in a vaporized state; and

an expansion valve which reduces a pressure of the cooling medium during a process of flowing a liquefied cooling medium to the evaporator.

Claim 8 (New).--